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SUBJECT: KHMER QUESTION: CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. UN LEGAL COUNSEL STAVROPOULOS TOLD MISOFF 9 OCT THAT PRC HAD RECENTLY BEEN ASKING ONE OF HIS SUBORDINATES ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF AN EARLY CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (CC) MEETING. THINKING HE WAS GIVING THE ANSWER DESIRED BY THE CHINESE, THE SUBORDINATE HAD REPLIED THAT A CC MEETING COULD CONCEIVABLY BE ARRANGED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WHEREUPON THE PRC HAD COMPLAINED TO STAVROPOULOS THERE WAS NO REASON WHATEVER FOR SUCH A MEETING SO EARLY IN THE SESSION AND THE TRADITIONAL CC PRACTICE OF MEETING LATE DURING THE GA SHOULD BE MAINTAINED.

2. STAVROPOULOS SUPPOSED THE US MIGHT BE CONSIDERING ASKING FOR AN EARLY CC MEETING AS A WAY OF MITIGATING THE EXPECTED ANTI-KHMER ITEM. HE WOULD ENTERTAIN A REQUEST FOR AN EARLY CC MEETING ALTHOUGH ONE COULD NOT BE HELD IMMEDIATELY; AS IN THE PAST, THREE OR FOUR WEEKS FROM THE OUTSET OF THE GA SESSION WOULD BE NEEDED BEFORE CREDENTIALS WERE RECEIVED FROM MOST UN MEMBERS. HE WAS SKEPTICAL
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THAT A CC REPORT ON CAMBODIAN CREDENTIALS, EVEN THOUGH

FAVORABLE TO THE KHMER, WOULD ASSIST IN COUNTERING THE
EFFORTS OF GRUNK SUPPORTERS. THE LATTER DID NOT INVOLVE
A CREDENTIALS QUESTION AND FEW PARTICIPANTS IN THE GA
WOULD SEE IT AS SUCH. MISOFF SAID THE MATTER REQUIRED
REFLECTION.

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